

Getting Ready For Compliance

Part B – Financial Monitoring

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- To discuss the process used by DHCD to conduct the financial reviews for the NSP Programs.
- Discuss the importance of maintaining accurate and complete financial records physically and electronically in order to simplify the monitoring process.

Session Topics:

- Federal & State Guidelines
- Financial & Accounting Management
- Monitoring and Audit Requirements
- Recordkeeping and Retention

The Intro & Exit Compliance "Best Practices"

- "Open Book" Practice for documentation (Highly Recommend Appendix 17 to setup Files)
- Ensure the following team members are available:
 - Grant Administrator
 - □ Finance Department Representative
 - Applicable Grant Partners Representative (Housing Authority, Other Not-for-Profits, etc.)

NSP Financial Review

State & Local Governments

OMB Circular A-102, 24 CFR 85

Uniform Administrative Requirements



Cost Principles



OMB Circular A-110, 24 CFR 84

Uniform Administrative Requirements

OMB Circular A-122 - 2 CFR 230

Cost Principles



Both

OMB Circular A-133

Audit Requirements

Policy and Procedure Manuals

Neighborhood Stabilization Program
Virginia Public Procurement Act



State Compliance Guidance

It's all about the paper trail!



Financial Management Overview

INTERNAL CONTROLS

Continue to have a sound check and balance for:

- Policies, procedures, and job responsibilities that create accountability.
- ☐ Safeguards against waste, fraud and mismanagement of assets.
- ☐ Financial Management & Programmatic Systems.



All Costs from NSP Grant program should be:

☐ Allowable: Necessary & authorized

☐ Reasonable: Ordinary & Beneficial

Allocable:

Incurred for a specific program or grant, have consistent treatment with similar costs, and necessary

How to prepare of a DHCD Monitoring?

- ☐ Think "Big", but meticulously plan
 - Communicate regularly with your DHCD rep.
 - Carefully monitor your program budget
 - Keep copies of all pertinent documentation
 - Use your available resources
 - □ Know all of your *program limits*

Verification in Post-Review

Changes that should be identified:

- **☐** Assignment of responsibilities
- Internal controls modifications
- Approval authority
- □ Financial policies & procedures
- Budget or contract revisions



Post-Contract Compliance

How to prepare:

- Be prepared to discuss any changes of your systems
- Have the following financial records ready for review:
 - Chart of Accounts
 - Contracts
 - Bank Statements & Deposits
 - Purchase Orders
 - Receipts for Cash Expenses

- Copies of Payment Requests/Drawdowns
- Leverage Funds
- Program Income/TCR Report
- System Print-outs of Ledger Reports

Deliverables

- Ensure all costs are accounted for...
- **Delivery** for all Activities
- Refer to Appendix 3
- Tracking <u>Sample</u>

Administrative

- Indirect Cost
- Activity Complete
- Do not wait to pay account for expenses incurred.
- Maximum Allowed for OH use is \$5,000.

Track Cost Carefully & Consistently

Core Monitoring Highlights

- Proper receipt and distribution of all funds received:
 - Invoices from vendors and third-party contractors
 - Payments to vendors and third-party contractors
 - Cancelled checks
 - Drawdown copies (including all revisions)
 - EDI Transfers or Check copies for funds received from DHCD
 - Bank Statements (for transaction verification)
 - Ledger Reports (for transaction verification)



IMPORTANT:

Familiarize yourself with the compliance forms



Audit Requirements

■ Follow OMB Circular A-133

□ A-133 required at \$500,000 Threshold

☐ Grantees not subject to a federal annual audit must submit a letter to PMO

Submit audits annually to DHCD

What does DHCD review?

Auditor's opinion



Report on Internal Control

Report on Compliance

Schedule of Findings

Schedule of Federal Assistance

Cash Revenue Reconciliation

Audit Review

Retention of Financial Records



Minimum of 5 years after final closeout

Exceptions:

Litigation occurs prior to end Disposition of nonexpendable property

Questions or Comments?

